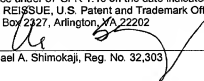


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For: Method and Apparatus for the
Destruction of Volatile Organic
Compounds

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment preliminary to the examination of the above-identified reissue application, which is being filed concurrently herewith, and consider the following remarks:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please cancel Figure 5 in the previously issued patent.

Formal drawings are submitted herewith, in addition to a proposed drawing correction to Figure 5.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In column 4, for the last paragraph, lines 61-67 and continuing on to column 5, lines 1-4, please substitute the following paragraph:

As discussed briefly above, compressor **24** suitably comprises the compressor of power generator **12**. With momentary reference to FIG. 5, compressor **24** preferably comprises alternate respective sets of rotating blades **56** and stationary blades **58**. Rotating blades **56** are suitably rotated through rotation of shaft **28**, which as briefly noted above, is initially activated by generator **20**. In accordance with a preferred aspect of the present invention, compressor **24** comprises a multi-stage compressor, more preferably a two stage compressor, i.e. there are at least two rotating discs containing blades **56** within the body of compressor **24**.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending. No claims have been amended or canceled. No new claims have been added.

A new formal drawing to replace Figure 5 has been submitted. The incorrect Figure 5 in the previously issued patent inadvertently depicted a turbine and turbine blades rather than a compressor and compressor blades. The new Figure 5 submitted herewith depicts a compressor and compressor blades consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent. The

new Figure 5 also shows reference number 24 indicating the compressor, which is also consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent.

The specification has been amended as above to clarify the position of rotating blades 56 as being contained on rotating discs, which is consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent. As blades 56 may be either axial blades or impeller blades, which is consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent, the possibly confusing parenthetical reference to impellers has been removed. What appears to be a purely typographical error has been incidentally corrected by substituting "as" for "is". No other amendments to the specification have been made to conform it to the new Figure 5. Thus, the specification as amended is consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent and with the new Figure 5. Applicants therefore submit that no new matter has been introduced.

Applicants note that the Assignee of the above-identified reissue application has changed name from Allied Signal, Inc. to Honeywell International, Inc. Copies of documents in the chain of title are submitted herewith. The Assignee is in possession of the original patent and will surrender the original patent before the application is allowed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178(a).

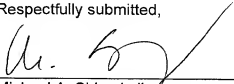
CONCLUSION

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the present reissue application is in condition for examination on the merits. It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this preliminary amendment, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In column 4, last paragraph, lines 61-67 and continuing on to column 5, lines 1-4:

As discussed briefly above, compressor **24** suitably comprises the compressor of power generator **12**. With momentary reference to FIG. 5, compressor **24** preferably comprises alternate respective sets of rotating blades **56** and stationary blades **58**. Rotating blades **56** are suitably rotated through rotation of shaft **28**, which [is] as briefly noted above, is initially activated by generator **20**. In accordance with a preferred aspect of the present invention, compressor **24** comprises a multi-stage compressor, more preferably a two stage compressor, i.e. there are at least [2] two rotating discs containing blades [(impellers)] **56** within the body of compressor **24**.

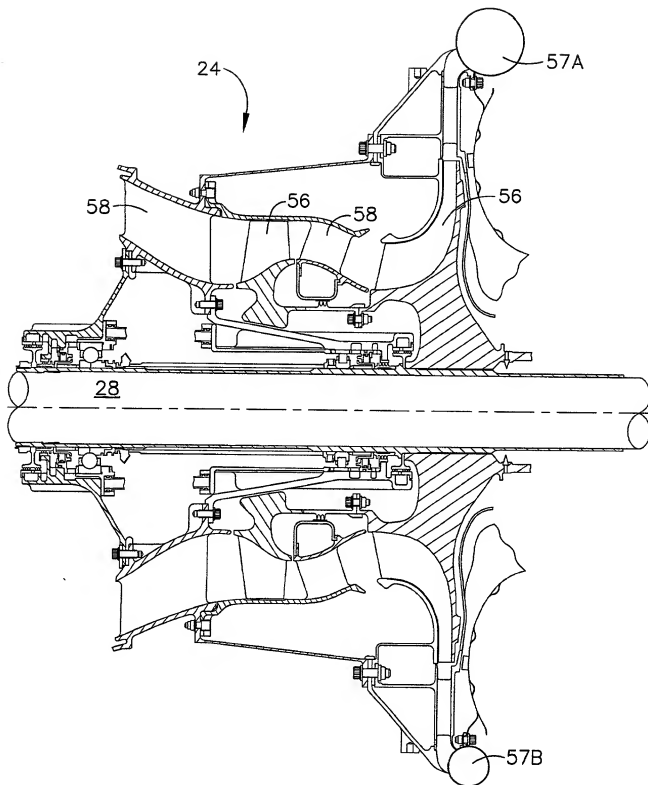


FIG. 5

proposed corrected drawing